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**MEDIA RELEASE**  
**TOWN OF ROCK SHOOTING**  
**\*Update\***

**For Immediate Release**

Date: January 06, 2020  
Case: SO1961860

**Contact Person**

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On Saturday, 12-7-19 at approximately 8:21 p.m., Deputies from the Rock County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 3000 block of South Highway 51 in the Town of Rock for a shooting. The victim was later identified and treated for a gunshot wound to the lower extremity. The investigation resulted in the arrests of Ronald L. Hicks and Virgil Lee Tate Jr., both residents of Rock County.

Ronald L. Hicks was arrested on 01-06-20 at the Rock County Jail, where he was currently being detained on a Probation Warrant. Hicks was arrested for Party to the Crime of Attempted 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Intentional Homicide and Recklessly Endangering Safety. Hick's is scheduled for court on Tuesday, 01/07/19 at 3:00 p.m.

Virgil Lee Tate Jr., fled the state and was arrested on 01-04-20 by Chicago PD on a Felony Arrest Warrant for Attempted 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Intentional Homicide, Recklessly Endangering Safety and two Felony Warrants for Manufacturing/Delivery of Cocaine. Tate Jr., will be held in Illinois for extradition proceedings.



Ronald L. Hicks



Virgil Lee Tate, Jr.

"Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3.6, Trial Publicly, you are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty."

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